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MOBIL FOUNDATION GIFT SUPPORTS STUDENT HOMEBUILDERS

RESTON, VA. - June 9 - Mobil Land Development (Virginia) Corporation Executive Vice President Gregory J. Friess today presented a Mobil Foundation check for \$1,000 to Semon Samaha, president of the Fairfax County Vocational Foundation, Inc. (FAXVO) outside the most recently completed single family home built by Fairfax County high school students on Lewinsville Road in McLean, VA.

A program pioneered nineteen years ago by the Fairfax County School System, FAXVO provides hands-on vocational training for high school students in five separate programs: residential construction; floor covering mechanics (carpet, hard wood and tile); horticulture and landscaping; consumer marketing and retailing; auto mechanics and auto body repair.

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One of the few programs of its kind in the nation, FAXVO this year provided close to 200 students with on-site skill training as well as regular academic courses. The home building project, including construction, floor covering and landscaping, is the most popular course involving between eighty and 100 students in a semester.

"This is the fifth consecutive year we have given to FAXVO because we really believe in this program," Friess told Samaha.

"This ninth house looks like it was built by seasoned professionals and is indicative of what the development of real work skills can accomplish through a totally hands-on experience. Mobil Foundation salutes this kind of gifted training."

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